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Eastern Star Chapter Organized At Aztec.

This is indeed an age of lodges and societies, and the town or village without one or more, would be a curiosity in a community of cosmopolitan Americans, is the world growing better by such organizations? This would have been easily answered, had one chance to look up upon the scene of good fellowship and brotherly interest taken in the community. Wednesday evening, at Masonic hall, when Grand Matron Jessie Brown dropped the gavel that called to order those assembled, to inaugurate San Juan Chapter No. 13, Order of the Eastern Star of New Mexico. Mrs. Brown's personality is such as to inspire confidence and enthusiasm, and her demeanor such as to cause all present to enter into the solemnity of the ceremonies with a feeling that the world had grown better by reason of the Eastern Star. The beautiful ceremony was gone through with and the work exemplified in a way creditable to the grand matron of New Mexico—she being well assisted in the exemplification of the work by Grand Secretary Minnie Miller. After the installation of the officers, five candidates were presented, introduced and initiated which, with the charter members, admitted members and initiates make San Juan Chapter with a membership of 23. At the close of the Chapter Mrs. A. R. Springer, worthy matron, in a short address of well chosen words thanked the grand matron and grand secretary for the pleasant and profitable evening the Chapter had spent with them and presented the grand matron with a shower bouquet of American Beauty roses. Dr. E. G. Condit, worthy patron of the Chapter, then presented to the grand secretary a bouquet of pink creations. The ceremonies, at the hall, being completed—the members and guests were invited to the after hotel where an elegant spread was partaken of and a "feast of wit and flow of wit" closed a pleasant and profitable evening and the organization of the first Eastern Star Chapter in San Juan county.

Aztec real estate has been on the move this week—Col. W. H. Williams and Alex. Hart two lots; and Fannie Kline two, both will build residence. W. W. Bay sold J. T. Green one lot on Main street. Mr. Green is now erecting a two-story business house on the lot. Ed. White and Mrs. Doyle his dwelling and two lots. John A. Koontz sold the Old Colorado Store, situated for where many an interesting history in building for business purposes and had two more to be added as we are bound to say.

Smelter City Papers.

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Bethelmen-Grandall.

Married, at the home of the bride at Bayfield, Colo., Sunday, November 20, Miss Alice Shethman and Mr. Roy Grandall, Rev. Harper of the Methodist church officiating.

Concluded in brief phrase, the above paragraph describes the uncommonness

of the marriage of two of the most popular young people in this section. Both resided in San Juan county many years and are well known to all. The bride's family was one of the pioneers of flora Vista and Annie Shethman was always one of the social favorites of that community and was renowned and respected by all acquaintances. The groom is a farmer and a bright, manly fellow and bride and groom have the best wishes of a host of friends in San Juan county. The home of the couple will be at Bayfield for the present.

Senator Quay of Pennsylvania is leading the fight in the Senate for statehood for the three territories, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arizona. All of the Democratic senators are in favor of the admission and Senator Billings, twice Republican, to the bill. Senator Bevridge, of Indiana, chairman of the senate committee is opposing the bill and has a majority of one of his committee with him. If we get statehood it will be by Democratic votes and New Mexico's 0.37 majority for Mr. Roddy will look like about 30 votes, not in portion to Mr. Roddy, it must be said, he is exerting every power possible for the success of the bill.

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Hillberry Here and in Indiana.

Senator Bevridge and his visiting committee, in their recent trip to New Mexico, made around a few back alleys in Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Silver City and possibly a few other places and went back to Washington with a bare majority opposing statehood. If it was illiteracy and ignorance the measure was seeking, he need not have come to New Mexico, he could have found enough of that to satisfy the most exacting in his own Indiana. From reports he seemed to realize his investigations to school children and justice of the peace. We venture the assertion that not half the nations of the world could tell whether New Mexico was a part of the United States or not.

The sentence whizzed through the Pecos valley after night and we have no idea they know San Juan county is on the map.

If Missouri courts continue sending St. Louis leaders to the penitentiary the Illinois "Pew" at Jefferson City, will soon have enough to form a millionaires club.

President Roosevelt, in ignoring the matter of statehood, a voiceless Buchanan, can pledge, in his message to congress, that he will not seek it again.

Aztec will be a great shipping point when the railroad, now being surveyed, is completed to here. Just think of all the big four and six horse teams now heading to Durango coming to Aztec to the railroad.

Turkeys are as easily raised in this country as pigs, and turkeys are now worth less to fifteen cents per pound.

There are about 80,000 acres of land under irrigation and about 25,000 in cultivation in this county. Cut out the sage brush and sow alfalfa—stop kicking and get to work.

The Baptist ladies gave a social at Opera hall Tuesday evening. A splendid supper was the attraction and various games the amusement.

Will White of Jewett made a coal entry on land near Jeett this week.

J. W. Stinson was over from the La Plata this week, paying taxes and attending to other business.

R. H. Gillespie of Largo spent several days in town this week looking after business matters.

It is a well-established fact that our winter is not over yet. The winter has just started and yet there is hardly a ton of hay for sale in the country. Prepare to increase your acreage.

Hogs in the orchard is just what you want. Put the orchard in alfalfa, build a big tight fence around it and put the hogs in—your culips will be scarce and your pockets will bulge with money.

The Navajo Indians have appropriated \$10,000 to build ditches in the south side of the San Juan river, below Farmington. This is right, the Indians should have such assistance.

For Sale.
Poland China cups, cheap cash.
S. R. KOONTZ,
Aztec, N. M.

Wanted.

Two hundred and fifty rods in exchange for fruit trees. J. D. Thomas, Prop. Aztec nursery.

Advertised Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining unclaimed for the post office of Aztec, New Mexico.

For Sale.
Poland China cups, cheap cash.
S. R. KOONTZ,
Aztec, N. M.

Wanted.

To buy a good team of mares. Must be young and watch the horses and gentle. F. T. will pay in cash the market price.

F. M. HARRISON
La Plata, N. M.

Holiday Wishes.

For the Holidays the Durango and San Juan Telegraph company will make a rate of one cent for the round trip between Durango and the various points in Colorado.

Rey. Iri H. Hines 1903 Almanac.
Twenty-five thousand copies of this almanac will make a rate of one cent for the round trip between Durango and the various points in Colorado.

Up to Date Shop and Work.
Highest cash price for:

E. S. FRASER,
Attention Chemists.

The San Juan cattle growers' Association will meet at Aztec half past six in the evening of Saturday, Dec. 19, 1903, at the Hotel Plaza, Aztec, New Mexico, with the object of discussing the various problems of the cattle industry.

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